



DEFUNDING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE IMMIGRATION ACTIONS

President Obama has embarked on some of the biggest executive power grabs in American history by unilaterally rewriting our nation's immigration laws. These actions ignore the will of the American people, who voted in November to change the way Washington operates, and flout the Constitution. These actions must be ended because these policies threaten the separation of powers between Congress and the Executive Branch and violate President Obama's obligation to take care that the laws be faithfully executed. If President Obama's unilateral actions are not stopped, future presidents will continue to expand the power of the Executive Branch and encroach upon individual liberty.

House Republicans plan to offer five amendments to the FY 2015 Homeland Security Appropriations bill (H.R. 240) to stop President Obama's executive overreach on immigration. These amendments will completely defund President Obama's unconstitutional immigration power grabs. DACA – the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program – and the more recent grant of deferred action to over four million unlawful alien parents will be ended by these amendments, among other things. Here are the summaries for the amendments:

Amendment offered by Reps. Robert Aderholt (R-Ala.), Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.), and Lou Bartletta (R-Pa.):

- The amendment prevents any funds – whether they are appropriated funds or user fees collected by the agency – to be used to carry-out the executive actions announced on November 20, 2014 to grant deferred action to an estimated four million unlawful immigrants.
- The amendment also defunds the Obama Administration's so-called prosecutorial discretion memos that have gutted immigration enforcement within the United States.
- Additionally, it also declares that no funds may be used to carry-out any substantially similar policies to those defunded.
- The amendment makes clear that the defunded programs have no statutory or constitutional basis and therefore have no legal effect.
- The amendment also defunds the ability of aliens to receive any Federal benefits based on these policies.

Amendment offered by Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.): The amendment provides that no funds – whether they are appropriated funds or user fees collected by the agency – may be used to consider new, renewal or previously denied DACA applications.

Amendment offered by Reps. Ron DeSantis (R-Fla.) and Martha Roby (R-Ala.): This amendment ensures that sex offenders and domestic violence perpetrators are priorities for removal by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Amendment offered by Rep. Aaron Schock (R-Ill.): This amendment expresses the sense of Congress that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services should stop putting the interests of unlawful immigrants ahead of legal immigrants. Under the President's deferred action programs, legal immigrants playing by the rules and seeking to come to the United States the right way have paid the price for President Obama's executive actions. They've faced longer wait times, even though they have paid the fees to have their applications processed.

Amendment offered by Reps. Matt Salmon (R-Ariz.) and Glenn Thompson (R-Pa.): This amendment expresses the sense of Congress that U.S. workers should not be harmed by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' actions. Under President Obama's executive amnesty plan, in many cases businesses now have a \$3,000 incentive to hire an unlawful immigrant over a legal worker. Under the Affordable Care Act, many businesses face a \$3,000-per-employee penalty if they do not provide health care to their workers. Since unlawful immigrants are not eligible for Obamacare, they will now be more attractive to hire than American workers in many instances.